

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF G. IRENE SNYDER

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant who is retiring after a 40-year career as a rural carrier with the Glenmoore Post Office in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

G. Irene Snyder started her career as a part-time carrier, serving residents in the Ludwig's Corner and Nantmeal Township areas. In a testament to her tireless work ethic, Irene held jobs as a bus driver and attendant at Ludwig's Gas Station in addition to her part-time mail delivery duties.

She started delivering mail full-time in 1981 and earned a reputation among her co-workers as loyal, dedicated and committed to the U.S. Postal Service and the residents on her route. Irene was always willing to lend a helping hand at work and at her church, Nantmeal Methodist, where she served as an organist, and still found time for farming on her property in Honey Brook.

Colleagues and friends will celebrate Irene's four decades of service and wish her well in retirement during a reception on July 1, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in praising the outstanding service of G. Irene Snyder and all public servants who go beyond what is expected to serve their communities.

JULY 4, 2010 NATURALIZATION CEREMONY IN HAMMOND

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate the individuals who will take their oath of citizenship on July 4, 2010. In true patriotic fashion, on the day of our great Nation's celebration of independence, a naturalization ceremony will take place, welcoming new citizens of the United States of America. This memorable occasion, coordinated by the Hammond Public Library and presided over by Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich, will be held at Harrison Park in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the globe to the United States in search of better lives for their families. The upcoming oath ceremony will be a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the

world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On July 4, 2010, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oath of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: David Buabeng Agyen, Gordana Obradovic, Adesola Titilayo Ikene, Iryna Anatolitvna Hillemonds, Snezana Cude, Olufunmilayo Oluranti Adebayo, Kim Anh Tong, Kenneth Llanos Fabugais, Reshma Begum, Lubna Sairesh Hussain, Ummaima Sadaf Hussain, Hilda Marumbo Love, Gilberto Garcilazo Ambriz, Hossein Ali Safavi Naeini, Lorraine Emilia Von Tobel, Jose L. Guerrero, Ashok Sundaram, Lily Shajil, Amjad M.A. Ahmed, Delia Lord, Sonal Sanjay Shah, Alfredo Gerardo Discepolo, Corazon Samonte Jurado, Eric Udave Zaragoza, Dan Chen, Muriel Magalhaes Pessoa, Saber Zedan Khawaled, Justine Elizabeth Smith, Harvind Singh Azrot, Dragan Gjikoski, Gopikrishna Ratakonda, Surinder Singh, Manjeet Geeta, Maria Cristina Sanguenza, Rey Ancajas Sararana, Maynard Villavecencio Utayde, Eunice Jacobed Bojorquez, Olubunmi Emmanuel Adebayo, Amjad M. Amer, Rogelio Jose Munoz, Isabel De La Rosa Rangel, Juventino Flores, Jose Gutierrez Olivares, Vinh Quang Le, Eleazar Talili Tan, Nikunj Natvarlal Patel, Joel Erie Lingua, Mohannad Khaleel Alkaki, Dhirenkumar Jaswantlal Shah, and Ambrosia Ewican McLaughlin.

Though each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals, who will become citizens of the United States of America on July 4, 2010, the day of our Nation's independence. They, too, will be American citizens, and they, too, will be guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

DAREN WOODWARD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daren Woodward. Daren is a very special young man who

has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1137, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daren has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Daren has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Daren has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Daren collected materials and renovated a fence for the City of North Kansas City, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daren Woodward for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MICHAEL QUEAR TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a valued staff member of the Committee on Science and Technology, Michael Quear. Mike has served on Capitol Hill for over 20 years, most recently as the Staff Director for the Technology and Innovation Subcommittee.

Mike Quear grew up in Indiana on a farm where his work for 4H and his demanding piano teacher taught him the importance of principled, disciplined hard work. Every day Mike came to work for the Committee for the last 20 years, he brought that attitude to the job with him. It is hard to match either his stamina or the quality of his work.

In 1990, Mike came to the Science Committee from a fellowship with the State Department. Educated in Chemical Engineering, Mike brought with him real-world experience from working in industry as well as exposure to the thinking of the State Department about how to use science and technology to build stronger diplomatic ties among nations. He worked directly for then-Chairman George E. Brown, Jr. Brown was a passionate advocate for using scientific cooperation to bridge differences between nations. Mike supported his efforts, acting as his advisor for international scientific cooperation matters. At Brown's direction, Mike played a key role in negotiating the establishment of the U.S.-Mexico Foundation for Science.

Beginning in 1995, Mike took the lead as the key Democratic staffer on technology issues and for reauthorization of programs at the National Institute of Technology and Standards. For the last 15 years, virtually every authorization or reauthorization of programs at NIST was the direct product of

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